

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 31, 2023

The Honorable Kay Granger  
Chairwoman  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-307, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20015

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro  
Ranking Member  
House Appropriations Committee  
H-405, The Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for **Security Technology** in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Towson University**, located at 8000 York Road, Towson, Maryland 21252.

Towson University (TU) is seeking funding assistance for the purpose of securing an artificial intelligence (AI) based software management program for its internal camera system on and around campus and the addition of four license plate reader cameras located on a strategic and heavily travelled public roadway intersection at the perimeter of campus. Both pieces of this project will enhance the safety and security of the TU campus as well as the surrounding community of Towson, Maryland. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because TU Police Department works closely and collaboratively with the Baltimore County Police Department to provide a safe and secure campus and being an involved partner with the greater Towson Community. The Departments share information freely, investigate reported crime together, and share data developed independently through their respective systems. This project will allow for increased data sharing and more timely access to video images that will aid both Departments with the investigation and prevention of serious crime and dangerous situations.

The project has a Federal nexus because funding is aligned with the purposes of section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)).

I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,



C.A. Dutch Ruppersberger  
Member of Congress